

REMARKS

Claims 1-68 are pending. The Office Action provided the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I: The species illustrated in FIG. 3.

Species II: The species illustrated in FIG. 10.

Species III: The species illustrated in FIG. 11.

Species IV: The species illustrated in FIG. 12.

Species V: The species illustrated in FIGs. 14 and 15.

Species VI: The species illustrated in FIG. 18.

Species VII: The species illustrated in FIG. 16.

Species VIII: The species illustrated in FIG. 17.

Pursuant to the Restriction, the following claims are readable upon the aforementioned species.

Claim	Species	Claim	Species
1	I, II, VIII	35	IV, VI
2	I-IV, VIII	36	IV, VI
3	I-IV, VIII	37	IV, VI
4	I-IV, VIII	38	IV, VI
5	I-IV, VIII	39	IV, VI
6	I, II, IV, VIII	40	IV, VI-VII
7	I, II, VIII	41	I, VI, VIII

8	I, II, V, VII-VIII	42	I, IV, VI, VIII
9	I, II, V, VII-VIII	43	I, IV, VI, VIII
10	I, II, V, VI, VIII	44	I, IV, VI, VIII
11	I, II, V, VI, VIII	45	I, IV, VI, VIII
12	I, II, V, VI, VIII	46	I, IV, VI, VIII
13	I, II, V, VI, VIII	47	I, IV, VI, VIII
14	I, II, V, VI, VIII	48	I, IV, VI-VIII
15	I, II, V, VI, VIII	49	VII
16	I, II, V, VI, VIII	50	VII
17	II	51	VII
18	II, IV	52	IV, VII
19	II, IV	53	IV, VII
20	II, IV	54	I, III, VIII
21	II, IV	55	I, IV, VIII
22	II, IV	56	I, IV, VIII
23	II, IV and VI	57	II, VI
24	II	58	II, IV, VI
25	II, V	59	II, IV, VI
26	I, II, III, VIII	60	II, IV, VI
27	I-IV, VIII	61	II, IV, VI
28	I-IV, VIII	62	II, IV, VI
29	I-IV, VIII	63	I, II, VI, VIII

30	I-IV, VIII	64	I, II, IV, VI, VIII
31	I-V, VII-VIII	65	I, II, IV-VI, VIII
32	I-V, VII-VIII	66	I, II, IV-VI, VIII
33	VI	67	I, II, IV-VIII
34	IV, VI	68	I, II, IV-VIII

Election

Applicant elects Species VI identified by the Office Action without traverse for prosecution on the merits in the above-identified patent application. Species VI includes Claims 10-16, 23, 35-48 and 57-68.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action. If the Examiner feels a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant believes that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2816 of Patton Boggs, L.L.P.

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